

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
IN PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name;

that I verily believe that I, along with only the other joint inventors listed below, am an original, true and joint inventor of the invention entitled: **HIGHLY DUCTILE REDUCED IMPERFECTION WELD FOR DUCTILE IRON AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME**, described and claimed in the specification filed herewith;

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims and any amendments made and filed with respect thereto;

that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to the filing of the application filed herewith;

that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the filing of the application filed herewith;

that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of filing of the application filed herewith in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the application filed herewith;

that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and that I believe such information is included in the above identified application, to the extent any such information is known to me; and

that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to the date of filing of the above identified application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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